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1. RUMORS CONTINUE TO BE HEARD DAILY OF DISSENSION WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES AND OF PLANNING FOR A POSSIBLE COUP ATTEMPT. POLITICAL SOURCES ARE DIVIDED BETWEEN THOSE WHO THINK COUP EFFORT IN NEAR FUTURE IS LIKELY AND THOSE WHO FEEL OPPOSITION EFFORT WILL BE LIMITED TO AN ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE MORALES BERMUDEZ REGIME TO HALT A PERCEIVED LEFTWARD TREND. ALL AGREE, HOWEVER, THAT THE PRESENT STATE OF POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY CANNOT LAST AND THAT A POLITICAL CONFRONTATION BETWEEN MODERATE AND RADICAL ELEMENTS OF THE MILITARY IS BOTH LIKELY AND NOT FAR DISTANT.

2. AT LEAST A LIMITED POLITICAL CONFRONTATION IS UNDERWAY. LAST WEEK'S APPARENT SHOWDOWN BETWEEN FERNANDEZ MALDONADO AND HIS SUPPORTERS AND THE COMMANDER OAREQUIPA MILITARY REGION(LIMA 2314) IS ON INDICATION OF THIS. MOREOVER, ISRAELI DIPLOMAT TOLD EMBOFF MARCH

11 OF ALLEGED VERBAL CONFRONTATION LAST WEEK BETWEEN GENERAL BOBBIO, COMMANDING GENERAL OF PERUVIAN MILITARY TRAINING CENTER, AND GENERAL FERNANDEZ MALDONADO OVER THE RGIME'S LEFTWARD TREND.

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THIS SOURCE ALSO DISCUSSED RUMOR THAT NAVY MINISTER PARODI

AND AIR MINISTER POGGI HAD CONSIDERED SUBMITTING THEIR RESIGNATIONS AS PLOY TO FORCE PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ TO ASK FOR RESIGNATION OF ENTIRE JUNTA AND CABINET. THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED, ACCORDING TO THIS VERSION, BY COMPLETE REORGANIZATION OF REGIME SANS FERNANDEZ MALDONADO AND HIS SUPPORTERS. THERE ARE THOSE, HOWEVER, WHO FEEL THAT MORALES BERMUDEZ IS NOW TOTALLY UNDER INFLUENCE OF LEFT (ISRAELI SAID MORALES BERMUDEZ OWN SON IS SAID TO BE ONE WHO FEELS THIS WAY) AND THAT ONLY A SHOW OF STRENGTH WILL TURN HIM AROUND. AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF DISSENSION IN MILITARY, DAO WAS TOLD TODAY THAT OFFICERS AT JOINT MILITARY COMMAND ARE CONVINCED THAT REVOLUTION MUST ALTER ITS LEFTWARD COURSE, AND CLAIM THEY ARE PREPARED TO ACT ON THEIR CONVICTIONS.

3. MEANWHILE IN CIVILIAN SECTOR THE PUBLISHED ATTACKS BY BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS ON RECENT GOVERNMENTS DECISIONS AND ON BASIC REVOLUTIONARY DOCTRINE (LIMA 2352) HAVE NOW BEEN COUNTERED BY A BLAST FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S FRONT FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE REVOLUTION (FDRP) BLAMING CURRENT DIFFICULTIES ON "BUSINESSMEN LINKED TO IMPERIALIST CAPITAL, LABOR LEGISLATION INCOMPATIBLE WITH REVOLUTIONARY ADVANCEMENT, PRESENCE OF REACTIONARIES IN GOVERNMENT, AND A MINORITY RETAINING ITS PRIVILEGES WHILE THE MAJORITY BEARS THE BURDEN OF INFLATION". EMBOFF WAS TOLD SOME TIME AGO BY AIDE TO FERNANDEZ MALDONADO THAT FDRP IS "UNDER CONTROL" AND REFLECTS GOP THINKING; IN FACT, FDRP MAY REPRESENT VIEWS OF MORE RADICAL GROUP AROUND FERNANDEZ MALDONADO. IN THIS CONTEXT MARCH 11 PRESS HEADLINED THE CONFIRMATION OF RETIRED GENERAL RODRIGUEZ FIGUEROA AS ADVISOR TO GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED

PEASANT ORGANIZATION (CNA) RODRIGUEZ FIGUEROA WAS ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN LEFTIST MANEUVERING INCLUDING COUP PLOTTING IN SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1975 PERIOD. EMBOFF HAD BEEN TOLD BY ABOVE SOURCE THAT RODRIGUEZ FIGUEROA WOULD FIRST BECOME ADVISOR TO CNA, WHICH DOMINATES FDRP, AND THEN MOVE TO CONTROLLING POSITION IN FDRP.

4. THE VIGOROUS DEBATE WITHIN THE MILITARY ON THE COURSE OF THE REVOLUTION, THE BLEAK ECONOMIC SCENE, THE EMBITTERED DISCUSSION IN PRESS AND PERIODICALS AND THE EVER-PRESENT RUMORS (WHICH INCLUDE TALK OF A BANK NATIONALIZATION DECREE ON MARCH  
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16) ALL CONTRIBUTE TO AN UNCERTAIN AND VOLATILE POLITICAL SITUATION. THE MORALES BERMUDEZ REGIME CLEARLY FACES SOME DIFFICULT CHOICES IN COMING DAYS AS IT SEEKS TO PROCEED ON ITS CURRENT "REVOLUTIONARY" COURSE, AND FOR THAT MATTER, EVEN TO INSURE ITS CONTINUANCE IN POWER.  
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